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Elizabeth Barker Vinal, 87

Elizabeth (Liz) Barker Vinal, long-time resident of Duxbury, died on April 19 at the age of 87. She was married to the late Albert Vinal Jr. and was the mother of the late Brent Vinal Smith. She leaves her daughters, Peggy and her husband, Bob Mosher, of Hingham and Vicki and her husband, Tom McGrath, of Methuen; six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Vinal was born in Springfield, Ill., but lived in many places before settling in Duxbury in the 1950s. This included living in many Spanish-speaking countries, where she began her life-long passion for the Spanish language.

She graduated from Wellesley College in 1944 majoring in Spanish. She used her Spanish skills to teach and tutor, and always included Spanish-speaking countries in her itinerary when she traveled. Mrs. Vinal capitalized on the childcare classes she took at Wellesley College when she opened Captain's Hill Nursery School in her home in 1962 where she was teacher/director for 15 years. After retiring from teaching, she turned her interest in antiques and collectibles into a new career and became well known on the South Shore for her expertise in sought after collectibles.

Mrs. Vinal loved to dance,

especially tap dancing, modern dance, square dancing and ballroom dancing. At Wellesley College she was a member of the Dance Club. In Duxbury she was a member of Bay Players and took part in the Legion shows. She participated in and taught line dancing for the Duxbury Senior Center and with her fellow residents at the Village of Duxbury.

A memorial service for Mrs. Vinal will be held in the Meeting Room at the Village at Duxbury on Saturday, May 15 at 11 a.m. Donations in her name can be made to Cranberry Hospice, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Suite 326, Plymouth, MA 02360.